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Current
Nationwide
Threat Level is

ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES–ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *September 19, Journal News (NY)* — **Mock assault to test Indian Point defenses.** The Indian Point nuclear power plants this week will face "a significant armed attack with sophisticated weaponry and explosives," said officials Monday, September 18, at Entergy Nuclear Northeast, which owns the plants. The mock attack is an exercise overseen by the Nuclear Regulatory

Commission to assess Indian Point's defenses in the event of an armed assault. The exercise is the first at the Buchanan, NY, nuclear reactors since August 2003, when federal regulators staged a similar assault on the plants. In that mock assault, then-NRC Chairman Nils Diaz concluded that Indian Point "has a strong defensive strategy and capability." That exercise was carried out in secrecy, as this week's will be. The fake combatants will use laser weapons and vests with laser-detection devices to duplicate the sound and effect of actual gunfire. The information will be transmitted through a wireless system to a central computer, which will help the NRC to assess the effectiveness of the defenders. Indian Point has undergone \$50 million in security upgrades since the September 11 attacks.

Source: <http://www.thejournalnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060919/NEWS02/609190334/1025/NEWS09>

2. *September 18, Independent (NM)* — **Vandals cause blackout.** Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) is seeking information regarding a recent incident of vandalism at its Rock Point regulator station that disrupted power to the Kayenta and Chinle Valley areas of New Mexico. Deenise Becenti of the NTUA Public Affairs Office, said bullet holes were found early last week at the regulator station. The shots struck the cooling system, causing it to leak oil and short out, precipitating a four-and-a-half hour power outage. Estimated repair costs are more than \$400,000, with \$375,000 for the actual cooling units.

Source: http://www.gallupindependent.com/2006/sept/091806kh_blackout.html

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

Nothing to report.

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

3. *September 20, Associated Press* — **Teens lead police on chase through Air Force Base.** Two teenagers who ran through a security checkpoint at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, FL, are now in custody. According to police, authorities chased a stolen car near the home of United States Central Command. The chase began when the teenagers sped away from a traffic stop on Wednesday, September 20. They then drove onto the base past armed military guards.

Source: <http://www.tampabaylive.com/stories/2006/09/060920afb.shtml>

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Banking and Finance Sector

4. *September 19, U.S. Department of Justice* — **Fact Sheet: the Work of the President's Identity Theft Task Force.** The President's Identity Theft Task Force, co-chaired by Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales and Federal Trade Commission Chairman Deborah Platt Majoras, has been working diligently since its inception in May 2006 to develop a comprehensive national strategy to combat identity theft. On Tuesday, September 19, the Identity Theft Task

Force released interim recommendations which will improve the ability of the government and the private sector to mitigate the risks of identity theft for individuals and companies, among other objectives. The Task Force will present its final strategic plan to the President in November. In advance of that plan, the Task Force's interim recommendations include the formulation of a step-by-step guidance to federal agencies on the actions they should take should they suffer a data breach; the development of a uniform police report that can be used by identity theft victims; an amendment to the criminal restitution statutes; and several "good government" measures that can be taken to reduce the amount of paper currently in circulation that contain Social Security Numbers, which can be an identity thief's most valuable piece of consumer information.

Interim recommendations: <http://www.ftc.gov/os/2006/09/060916interimrecommend.pdf>

Source: http://www.usdoj.gov/opa/pr/2006/September/06_ag_636.html

5. *September 19, Websense Security Labs* — **Multiple Phishing Attack: EverBank, SAFE Federal Credit Union, First Premier Bank, Tempe Schools Credit Union, Professional FCU, Bremer Banking.** Websense Security Labs has received reports of a phishing attack that targets customers of EverBank. Users receive a spoofed e-mail message, claiming that they should enroll in a new anti-fraud program. Another phishing attack targets customers of SAFE Federal Credit Union. Users receive a spoofed e-mail message, claiming that they need to verify their billing information. A phishing attack was reported that target customers of First Premier Bank. Users receive a spoofed e-mail message, claiming that they need to confirm their membership details. A phishing attack targets customers of Tempe Schools Credit Union has been reported. Users receive a spoofed e-mail message, claiming that they could earn \$60 for filling out a survey. Customers of Professional FCU have been targeted by a phishing attack. Users receive a spoofed e-mail message, claiming that they need to confirm their email address. Another phishing attack targets customers of Bremer Banking. Users receive a spoofed e-mail message, claiming that a software upgrade took place and they need to update their information.

Screenshots: <http://www.websensesecuritylabs.com/alerts/alert.php?AlertID=627>

<http://www.websensesecuritylabs.com/alerts/alert.php?AlertID=626>

<http://www.websensesecuritylabs.com/alerts/alert.php?AlertID=625>

<http://www.websensesecuritylabs.com/alerts/alert.php?AlertID=624>

<http://www.websensesecuritylabs.com/alerts/alert.php?AlertID=623>

<http://www.websensesecuritylabs.com/alerts/alert.php?AlertID=622>

Source: <http://www.websensesecuritylabs.com/>

6. *September 19, Charlotte Observer (NC)* — **BB&T warns of phishing scam.** North Carolina-based BB&T Corp. on Tuesday, September 19, warned customers not to respond to a bogus e-mail asking them to "renew" their online banking account. The fraudulent notice, which bears a BB&T logo, claims the bank is updating account information to comply with federal regulations.

Source: <http://www.miami.com/mld/miamiherald/business/industries/banking/15556248.htm>

7. *September 18, CBS-5 (CA)* — **San Francisco police warn of e-mail fraud targeting Asians.** San Francisco police are alerting the public of an e-mail scam that targets the Asian community, offering the recipient millions of dollars from the bank account of a deceased Iraqi army veteran, Lt. Kenwade Lee said Monday, September 18. In this scam, the recipient receives

an e-mail from a Peter Wong who, using a Yahoo Hong Kong e-mail account, says he is the director of operations for Hang Seng Bank, Ltd., in Hong Kong, Lee said. Police say Wong tells the recipient that an Iraqi client and his family have been killed, leaving \$24,500,000 in a Hang Seng Bank account. Wong says that as the family has no beneficiaries, the money will go to the Chinese government if there is no claim. He then reportedly offers to have documents falsified to help the e-mail recipient pretend to be a member of Basem's family and claim the money. According to police, Wong says he will take 60 percent of the money received, with the remaining 40 percent going to the e-mail recipient.

Source: http://cbs5.com/local/local_story_261210115.html

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Transportation and Border Security Sector

8. *September 20, USA TODAY* — **Crisis seen in luggage screening.** The nation's airports face a looming crisis in their ability to screen checked luggage for bombs that will require billions of dollars to avert, a new report ordered by Congress says. Many airports have too few screeners and use slow, labor-intensive bomb detectors that are being overwhelmed by increasing passenger traffic, the study says. The van-sized machines clog terminals and operate so slowly that flights are sometimes held up or bags don't make it onto their flights, airport officials say. The 220-page report was written by officials from airports, airlines, design firms, and the Transportation Security Administration in August, before new restrictions for carry-on bags led to a huge increase in checked luggage. The report suggests spreading costs by selling federal tax credits that would be redeemed over many years, and by making airports pay \$700 million. That plan would move up the installation of new machines to 2013 instead of 2024, when they'd be in place without special financing. Faster, more automated bomb detectors would improve security by reducing the percentage of bags screened using less-reliable methods and by reducing crowds in airport lobbies that are potential targets for terrorists.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/travel/news/2006-09-19-baggage-screening_x.htm

9. *September 20, New York Times* — **Air controllers unhappy at plan to cut staff.** An effort by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to cut the number of air traffic controllers nationally by 10 percent below negotiated levels, and even more sharply at places like the busy radar center in Dallas, TX, is producing tension, anger, and occasional shows of defiance among controllers. Most controllers say they are concerned with workplace changes such as salary caps, lower pay for new hires, and stricter control of vacation schedules and sick leave. The FAA imposed the changes on September 3, three months after it declared an impasse in contract talks. But one change in particular may have safety implications: the ending of contractual protection against being kept working on a radar screen controlling traffic for more than two hours without a break. The agency has been defensive about staffing rules since a plane crash on September 1 in Lexington, KY, in a case where the workload of the lone controller on duty violated policy. In an interview, the administrator of the agency, Marion C. Blakey, said the goal of the changes was to make the agency run more like a business.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2006/09/20/washington/20control.html?ref=us>

10. *September 20, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO-06-1091T: Aviation Safety: FAA's Safety Efforts Generally Strong but Face Challenges (Testimony).** The U.S.

commercial aviation industry has had an extraordinary safety record in recent years. However, expected increases in air– traffic—including the introduction of new vehicles into the national airspace, such as unmanned vehicles and very light jets—and human resource issues, present challenges that have the potential to strain the existing safety oversight system. The Government Accountability Office’s (GAO) testimony focuses on these questions: (1) How is the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) ensuring that the areas of highest safety risk are addressed? (2) How is FAA ensuring that its staff maintain the skills and knowledge to consistently carry out the agency’s oversight programs? and (3) What are the key safety challenges facing FAA? This statement is based on our recent reports on FAA’s inspection oversight programs, industry partnership programs, and enforcement and training programs. It is also based on interviews with FAA and relevant industry officials. To help FAA fully realize the benefits of its safety oversight system, GAO has made several recommendations to address the weaknesses identified in GAO’s reviews. Although FAA has begun addressing the recommendations, many have not been fully implemented.

Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d061091thigh.pdf>

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-06-1091T>

11. *September 20, CanWest News Service (Canada)* — **Transport Canada relaxes liquids restriction.** The Canadian government has announced it is relaxing some restrictions to allow Canadians to buy liquids, gels, or aerosols once they pass through airport security. Starting Friday, September 22, passengers will be able to purchase bottled water, coffee, and any other liquid, gel, or aerosol and bring it onto their flight. However, the ban on any liquid, gel, or aerosol brought into the airport will remain in place, said Transport Canada. "Passengers should not be bringing any liquids, gels or aerosols to the airport with them in their carry-on," said Transport Canada spokesperson Vanessa Vermette. In addition, passengers traveling to the U.S. from airports that have pre-clearance services (Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal) will have to put any liquid purchased into their checked bags before going through airport security. Anyone heading to the U.S. from those airports won't be able to purchase any liquid, gel or aerosol once they pass security.

Source: <http://www.canada.com/vancouver/news/travel/story.html?id=95e4c914-c65f-4afa-85d5-a32c38f3a4ca&k=86959>

12. *September 19, Staten Island Advance (NY)* — **Newark jet rerouting halted.** A controversial plan to reroute jetliners over parts of Staten Island from Newark–Liberty International Airport appears to be stalled again. During a meeting in the New Jersey airport on Monday, September 18, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) officials said the contentious plan wouldn't go forward. Oceanic routing, scuttled twice over 15 years by the FAA for being inefficient and dangerous, was revived as a consideration during congressional briefings in June, during talks to rework the flow of air traffic in the metropolitan area for more efficiency. The route would send planes departing from Newark along the Arthur Kill and near the southern tip of the borough toward Sandy Hook. After studying the issue, the FAA concluded that the plan would create longer wait times, waste jet fuel, and cross flight paths from other airports.

Source: <http://www.silive.com/news/advance/index.ssf?/base/news/1158697956268560.xml&coll=1>

13. *September 19, Cincinnati Post* — **New building will handle Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky airport security.** Passengers checking in for flights at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky

International Airport's busy Terminal 3 would be screened in a special new hall built solely to handle security under a plan the airport moved ahead on Monday, September 18. The Kenton County Airport Board voted to spend \$157,600 for schematic design plans for a new building that would house the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) checkpoints and be built just south of Terminal 3. Carla M. Fischer, the airport's architectural and computer-assisted design coordinator, told the board the new building would provide enough space for as many as 20 security check-in lines instead of the current nine in Terminal 3. Fischer said the building also would accommodate additional explosive detection trace portals, the high-tech walk-through machines that use a blast of air to check for explosives, as well as future TSA requirements. "It's a relatively new concept and it's something that's driven by both the future concerns as to what the TSA may require and future growth potential," Fischer said.

Source: <http://news.cincypost.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060919/NEWS01/609190344>

14. *September 18, Reuters* — **U.S. awards airlift contracts worth up to \$2.3 billion.** The U.S. Air Force said on Monday, September 18, it has awarded a series of contracts valued at up to \$2.3 billion to civilian airlines to provide emergency airlift services to the military for the next year. The contract awards under the Civil Reserve Air Fleet program included up to \$1 billion for FedEx Corp. and up to \$1.1 billion for the Alliance Contractor Team, which includes Evergreen International Airlines Inc. and North American Airlines Inc. Civilian airlines commit to support the Pentagon's airlift requirements in emergencies when there are not enough military aircraft to meet all its needs.

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/rb/060918/arms_airlift.html?.v=2

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Postal and Shipping Sector

15. *September 20, Aero-News Network (FL)* — **FedEx testing anti-missile defense system.** The threat of shoulder-fired missiles striking commercial aircraft is seen as very real... not just against passenger-carrying airliners, but for cargo operators as well. An example: the November 2003 missile attack against an Airbus A300 flying for freight hauler DHL near Baghdad. That attack -- which, fortunately, resulted in no injuries -- caught the attention of other cargo haulers, and over the next 18 months, FedEx will equip 11 of its Boeing MD-10 Freighters with a missile deterrent system. Called the Guardian, the defense system uses a multi-band laser to throw off the infrared heat detectors employed in many shoulder-fired missiles. The move is a part of a \$109 million feasibility study conducted by the Department of Homeland Security to see if such a system can be implemented in a cost-effective manner.

Source: <http://www.aero-news.net/index.cfm?ContentBlockID=ff7269af-224b-4b3f-85e8-f74a312abb29>

16. *September 19, Business First* — **UPS, Teamsters start early contract negotiations.** United Parcel Service Inc. (UPS) has begun contract negotiations with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters nearly two years before its current labor contract is set to expire on August 1, 2008. While it is unusual to start this early, we do so because there are some very complex issues to address, and we all recognize it will take time to find solutions," John McDevitt, UPS's senior vice president for Global Transportation Services, said in a news release. "And an early start to negotiations greatly increases the chances of an early finish."

Source: <http://biz.yahoo.com/bizj/060919/1347987.html?.v=1>

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Agriculture Sector

17. *September 20, Associated Press* — **E. coli outbreak takes toll on farms.** California farmers started plowing their spinach crops under and laying off workers as government inspectors examined fields and packing houses Tuesday, September 19, for the source of the widespread E. coli outbreak. Spinach was a \$325 million industry in the U.S. in 2005, and California produced 74 percent of the nation's fresh crop and 67 percent of the spinach that gets frozen or canned. The Salinas Valley accounts for roughly three-quarters of the state's share. With that market disappearing in a matter of days, some valley farmers already were writing off their spinach crops, plowing the fields under and preparing to plant broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage. Spinach farmers also were laying off field hands, but most quickly found work picking other crops in what is typically a busy harvest season, said Marc Grossman of the United Farm Workers union.

Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/editorial/20060920/1054426.asp>

18. *September 19, Stop Soybean Rust News* — **Louisiana tops list of rust states.** Louisiana is now the state with the most counties or parishes known to be infected with Asian soybean rust, now that East Baton Rouge Parish was reported positive Tuesday, September 19. The find puts the U.S. total of positive counties and parishes at an even 60 — on the same date that total was reached in 2005. The difference is that this year, eight states vs. five are affected already this season, and the rust is spread out vs. the early concentration last year in Florida, Georgia and Alabama.

Source: <http://www.stopsoybeanrust.com/viewStory.asp?StoryID=956>

19. *September 19, Stop Soybean Rust News* — **Second county in North Carolina has soybean rust.** Soybean rust has been found in a second county in North Carolina — near St. Pauls in Robeson, the next county north of the first infected county this year, Columbus. According to the North Carolina state commentary, the rust was found on one leaf out of 40 collected in Robeson County. The commercial field is located outside of St. Pauls, NC. Both infected counties are in the southern part of the state, bordering on South Carolina.

Source: <http://www.stopsoybeanrust.com/viewStory.asp?StoryID=955>

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Food Sector

20. *September 20, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service* — **Grape imports from Namibia allowed.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wednesday, September 20, announced that it is amending the fruits and vegetables regulations to allow the importation of fresh table grapes, under certain conditions, from Namibia into the U.S. As a condition of entry, the grapes must undergo cold treatment and fumigation with methyl bromide. The fruit must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate

issued by the national plant protection organization of Namibia with an additional declaration stating that the grapes have been inspected and found free of *Maconellicoccus hirsutus* (pink hibiscus mealybug), *Nipaecoccus vastator* (spherical mealybug), *Rastrococcus iceryoides* (mango mealybug), *Cochlicella ventricosa* (land snail) and *Theba pisana* (white garden snail). In addition, the grapes are subject to inspection at the port of first arrival.

Source: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/newsroom/content/2006/09/grapes.sh tml>

21. *September 20, San Francisco Chronicle* — **Sanitary conditions scrutinized in spinach–borne E. coli outbreak.** State and federal investigators hit the ground in California's Salinas Valley on Tuesday, September 19, to find the source of a bacterial contamination in fresh spinach that has sickened dozens all over the country and killed one woman, but officials admitted they may never know exactly where the E. coli came from. As of Tuesday, 131 people had been identified as having been infected with the E. coli strain, and of those interviewed by health officials about their recent eating habits, 80 percent had reported eating spinach. Officials with the state health department and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have traced at least some of the cases in the week–old outbreak to Earthbound Farm's Natural Selection label. That's where about a dozen investigators started their field research Tuesday, at nine farms in Monterey County that have supplied spinach to the label. Irrigation techniques are of particular interest to investigators. But officials said they would look at sanitary conditions across the board — from bathroom and washing facilities for farm workers to fertilization techniques and equipment cleaning practices in processing plants.

FDA statement: <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2006/NEW01458.html>

Source: http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2006/09/20/BAGQ_SL905Q1.DTL

22. *September 20, Nogales International (AZ)* — **Corporate office monitors local store's refrigerators.** A storm on Tuesday, September 19, blew a breaker at Wal–Mart in Nogales, AZ, but the company's reaction avoided any damage to perishable food. The breaker blew without the store's knowledge, said Kevin Irvine, Director of Santa Cruz County Health Services and Bioterrorism Preparedness, but Wal–Mart's corporate office in Bentonville, AR, monitors the temperatures of perishable items at all stores. The corporate offices noticed that the temperatures in the Nogales Wal–Mart's refrigerators were rising slightly and notified the store, Irvine said. The company immediately sent a technician and meanwhile, employees in Nogales covered the refrigerators with plastic and cardboard to trap the cold air and blocked off the aisles with barriers and had employees keep people from opening the refrigerators.

Source: <http://www.nogalesinternational.com/articles/2006/09/19/news /news3.txt>

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Water Sector

23. *September 20, Times–Picayune (LA)* — **Volume of water leaks cut in half.** After repairing more than 20,000 fissures in the pipes, valves and hydrants that make up New Orleans' drinking water distribution network, the Sewerage & Water Board has reduced the volume of water leaking out of the system every day by about half: to between 40 million and 50 million gallons. But although the water board has absorbed the cost of more than \$50 million in wasted water since Hurricane Katrina, agency officials said they will no longer cover the cost of water leaking on private property, meaning homeowners must pay water charges that in some cases

have reached several hundred dollars at homes where no one has lived for a year. S&WB Executive Director Marcia St. Martin said that although more than 900 leaks on public property still must be patched, the city has rebounded from initial estimates that more than 100 million gallons of potable water were seeping daily from the mostly subterranean network of pipes, which was wrecked when Katrina's winds uprooted trees and pried loose the waterlines around them.

Source: <http://www.nola.com/news/t-p/frontpage/index.ssf?/base/news-6/1158730914184690.xml&coll=1>

24. *September 20, Associated Press* — **Water board fined for failing to report bacteria test.** A Pawtucket, RI, water supply board is fined more than \$3,000 for failing to tell state health authorities about questionable bacteria tests. The fine became public Tuesday, September 19, although tests indicating the presence of coliform bacteria were taken in June and July. Coliform bacteria isn't necessarily harmful, but it can indicate the presence of other dangerous bacteria. Water board officials blamed a company hired to operate Pawtucket's water treatment plant for the violation.

Source: <http://ww2.wpri.com/Global/story.asp?S=5432880>

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Public Health Sector

25. *September 20, Reuters* — **Resistant tuberculosis spreads to South African gold mines.** A highly drug resistant strain of tuberculosis has spread further in South Africa, hitting six miners in the gold industry, the health department said on Tuesday September 19. The miners worked at operations of Harmony and Gold Fields in the Free State, southwest of Johannesburg, and have been placed in isolation units at hospitals, provincial health spokesperson Gela Naude said. "The Department of Health is in the process of engaging the mines to trace all people who were in close contact with these patients for testing also," she added. Earlier this month, a Johannesburg hospital detected the first case of disease, known as XDR-TB (extremely drug resistant tuberculosis), outside KwaZulu Natal province where 60 people have died and doctors report two to three new cases a month. There is concern the virtually untreatable disease could move quickly through South Africa, where an estimated one in nine people are infected with HIV/AIDS.

TB information: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/tb/default.htm>

Source: http://za.today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=topNews&storyID=2006-09-20T062820Z_01_BAN023267_RTRIDST_0_OZATP-HEALTH-SAFRICA-TB-20060920.XML

26. *September 20, Agence France-Presse* — **India sets deadline to eradicate polio.** India has set a new deadline to eradicate polio in 2007, a week after it was accused by the World Health Organization of exporting the virus to South Asia and Africa. "Health Minister Anbumani Ramadoss has said India intends to eliminate polio from the country (in) 2007," an official said Wednesday, September 20. "The minister said that if the world has to succeed in eliminating polio then India has to succeed and if India has to succeed, Uttar Pradesh has to succeed," he said. Uttar Pradesh, India's largest state, reported 255 of the 283 cases detected in the country this year, a four-fold increase from 2005. Health officials and volunteers in the area say their

immunization plans have been obstructed by sections of the majority Muslim community who fear the polio vaccine will render their children sterile. Polio has been largely eliminated in most of the world but still exists in a handful of countries including Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Global Polio Eradication Initiative: <http://www.polioeradication.org/>

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20060920/hl_afp/indiahealthpolio_060920140128

27. *September 19, Agence France–Presse* — **Fifty thousand suspected chikungunya cases in India.** India's southern coastal state of Kerala has reported 50,000 suspected cases of the mosquito-borne viral infection chikungunya. N.K. Velayudhan, chief medical officer of Kerala's Alappuzha district, said 50,000 people were showing symptoms of the disease in Alappuzha and Thiruvananthapuram areas. He said blood samples of nine people from Alappuzha had tested positive for chikungunya. News reports in Kerala said 20 people had died in the past three weeks due to the disease in Cherthala district, 112 miles north of the state capital Thiruvananthapuram.

Chikungunya information: <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/msds-ftss/msds172e.html>

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20060919/hl_afp/healthindiaviral_060919153832

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Nothing to report.

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Emergency Services Sector

28. *September 20, Associated Press* — **Minnesota senator calls for investigation of weather service over Rogers tornado.** Senator Mark Dayton (D–MN) called for an independent investigation Tuesday, September 19, into the National Weather Service's response to a deadly twister that struck the Twin Cities suburb of Rogers. National Weather Service officials at the Chanhassen, MN, office have said there was no time to issue a tornado warning because the twister struck before it showed up on radar. The tornado left a 10-year-old girl dead. Mike Looney, chief of services for the National Weather Service central region in Kansas City, said that the agency will do a full review and assessment of what happened. That review, Looney said, will look at whether the equipment was functioning properly, the radar data, and the quality and timeliness of information sent out about the storm. Looney stressed that the agency's rate of tornado detection in the central region is only around 78%, primarily because of limitations in technology.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/weather/news/2006-09-19-tornado-investigation_x.htm

29. *September 20, AccessNorthGa.com (GA)* — **Georgia emergency drill tests preparedness.** An emergency drill involving Gainesville and Hall County, GA, students, Army Rangers, Life-Flight helicopters, police, sheriff's deputies and Northeast Georgia Medical Center unfolded early Wednesday, September 20. The scenario was an explosion at Lumpkin County chemical plant where school students were on a field trip. Hospital Safety Director Kevin

Matson said in the realistic scenario the emergency room geared up to treat 120 people flown in from the "disaster" area. Corporal Micah Oser was one of eleven Army Rangers based near Dahlongega who portrayed victims in a simulated truck accident. Jenkins and other Gainesville and Hall County students went through de-contamination drill at the Medical Center's Lanier Park campus. Cathy Bowers with the Medical Center said it was a Level 3 disaster drill, preparing for the worst accident that could happen in the area. "This involved a multiple number of incidents to really test the maximum preparedness of the entire coordinated effort," Bowers said.

Source: <http://www.accessnorthga.com/news/hall/newfullstory.asp?ID=107159>

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

30. *September 21, US-CERT* — **Technical Cyber Security Alert TA06-262A: Microsoft Internet Explorer VML Buffer Overflow.** Microsoft Internet Explorer contains a stack buffer overflow in code that handles VML. By convincing a user to open a specially crafted HTML document, such as a Web page or HTML email message, a remote attacker could execute arbitrary code with the privileges of the user running IE. This vulnerability is being exploited. US-CERT is currently unaware of a complete solution to this problem. Information about workarounds is available on the US-CERT Website.

Microsoft Security Advisory (925568) – Vulnerability in Vector Markup Language Could Allow Remote Code Execution:

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/advisory/925568.mspx>

Vulnerability Note VU#416092 – Microsoft Internet Explorer VML stack buffer overflow:

<http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/416092>

Source: <http://www.us-cert.gov/cas/techalerts/TA06-262A.html>

Internet Alert Dashboard

Current Port Attacks	
Top 10 Target Ports	1026 (win-rpc), 57715 (----), 4672 (eMule), 4662 (eDonkey2000), 80 (www), 65530 (WindowsMite), 32804 (----), 113 (auth), 445 (microsoft-ds), 38973 (----)
Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html ; Internet Storm Center	
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